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Chief Executive Officer

August 14, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
GREEN VISIONS PLAN FOR 21ST CENTURY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, PHASE III  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Authorize payment of \$140,000 from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget to the Water Conservation Authority, a Joint Powers Authority between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, to fund the Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California, Phase III.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to implement the fund transfer.
3. Find that this action is a planning activity and not considered a project under the State of California Environmental Quality Act.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to pay \$140,000 in cash to the Water Conservation Authority (WCA) to fund a portion of the Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California,

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Phase III. The LACFCD is a member of the WCA, which is an existing Joint Powers Authority with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy that provides for the LACFCD to fund and perform projects of mutual interest and benefit.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by utilizing a collaborative effort to produce the plan and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by cost sharing with other agencies.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The LACFCD's payment of \$140,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

The LACFCD will pay \$140,000 in cash to the WCA who will in turn provide these funds to the partnership between the Coastal, Santa Monica Mountains, and Baldwin Hills Conservancies, and the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities and Geographic Information System Research Laboratory to complete the plan. The estimated cost for Phase III is \$397,800. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy will fund the balance of the project cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California, Phase III, was an idea developed through a partnership between the Coastal, Santa Monica Mountains, and Baldwin Hills Conservancies and the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities and Geographic Information System Research Laboratory. The goal of this partnership is to produce a three-phase plan that will provide practical planning tools to promote and identify opportunities for watershed health, recreational open space, and habitat conservation.

Phase I consisted of developing a library of previous plans, a scientific workshop, and an analytical plan framework. Phase II produced several major research efforts and the start of developing on-line planning tools.

The product proposed to be developed out of the Phase III portion of the plan is a Geographic Information System tool to help with watershed planning and assessment. The tool will generate reports detailing the hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of a specified site including the runoff, expected water pollution types, groundwater replenishment capabilities, and other useful watershed data.

Preparation of Phase III will be completed by the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities and Geographic Information System Research Laboratory and is estimated to take nine months. The data compiled for Phase III will be viable for at least five years and will only become ineffective if there are major land use changes in the County of Los Angeles. Maintenance of the data and the Green Visions' website will continue to be handled by the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities and Geographic Information System Research Laboratory.

The funds paid to the WCA will supplement their approved current fiscal year budget. The funding is consistent with the governing by-laws and procedures of the WCA.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15262 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. Therefore, a finding of environmental impact is not required.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The LACFCD will gain benefit from this electronic planning tool in our efforts to manage and improve water quality within the County's watersheds. There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujoka', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer

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MP:lm

c: County Counsel